

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On Page 1, before the section "Field of the Invention", please insert the following new heading and paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This patent application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/648,689, filed on August 25, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph that bridges pages 8 to 9 with the following amended paragraph:

The optical fiber 3 is preferably mounted onto the backside of the optoelectronic laser or photodetector chiplet ~~5~~ 8. Other non-preferred methods of mounting the optical fiber 3 include mounting where the optical fiber comes directly from the top of the chiplet ~~5~~ 8 and mounting by etching an opening in the back of the substrate followed by direct insertion of the optical fiber.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

After the optical fiber 3 has been mounted onto the backside of the optoelectronic laser or photodetector chiplet ~~5~~ 8, it is attached and held in place, preferably, using adhesives such as UV-curable epoxy resins commonly known to those reasonably skilled in the art.